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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 1,365,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on May 1, 2011, down 1 percent from April 1, 2011 but up 1 percent from May 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 640,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 725,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 144,000 head, a decrease of 11 percent from last month but up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 69,000 head, down 15 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 75,000 head. This is down 6 percent from last month but up 14 percent from last year.

Marketings for April were 146,000 head, down 8 percent from last month and down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 76,000 head, down 3 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 70,000 head, down 13 percent from last

month and down 17 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on May 1, 2011. The inventory was 7 percent above May 1, 2010.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.80 million, 10 percent above 2010. This is the second highest placements for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 450,000, 600-699 pounds were 310,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent below 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during April, 35 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2011	650	725	1,375
April Placements	69	75	144
April Marketings	76	70	146
April Other Disappearance	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2011	640	725	1,365

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Arizona	268	282	105	16	25	156	24	18	75	2	1	50
California	410	450	110	54	57	106	54	55	102	5	2	40
Colorado	940	1,100	117	170	165	97	145	150	103	15	5	33
Idaho	210	230	110	27	34	126	21	23	110	1	1	100
Iowa	600	640	107	76	69	91	72	76	106	4	3	75
Kansas	2,130	2,170	102	315	380	121	405	385	95	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,240	2,370	106	400	370	93	435	370	85	15	10	67
Oklahoma	325	355	109	57	76	133	70	74	106	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	235	255	109	39	31	79	38	39	103	1	2	200
Texas	2,510	2,750	110	400	510	128	510	530	104	20	10	50
Washington	175	205	117	29	28	97	24	33	138	1	1	100
Other States ...	385	393	102	51	50	98	59	54	92	5	7	140
United States .	10,428	11,200	107	1,634	1,795	110	1,857	1,807	97	91	59	65

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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